



Town of Montague
Department, Board, Committee, Commission
BUDGET NARRATIVE

FY 24

Complete this form electronically! Be clear and concise!

Department: Planning and Conservation Submitted by: Walter Ramsey

1. Please describe and provide the rationale for any notable changes in your FY24 budget request.

- New Planning Director hired at new step
- MEDIC budget was moved to Selectboard Office.
- EV charging stations remains with Planning for now, but a move to another department should be considered for next year.

2. To this point in FY23, have you enhanced or expanded the programs and services you provide, or implemented new tools or technology that you'd like the Finance Committee and Selectboard to know about? Please describe.

- The Department is undergoing a transition of town planner between October 2022 and January 2023. This budget was prepared by Walter R in anticipation of the new planner starting 1/3/2022.
- Despite the transition period, the Department has continued to maintain services and help facilitate the advance key strategic efforts in terms of Canal District, Farren site, downtown placemaking, and the 5 Villages: 1 Future Comprehensive Plan, among others.

3. Are there presently challenges to your department's ability to meet its goals and requirements due to its FY23 operating budget? If so, offer any your recommendations you may have for improving the situation in FY24.

No

4. Did you receive funding for any special articles in FY22 or FY23? Please list them and share the current status of those expenditures/projects.

No